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PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR DR. PETER BOURNE

PASS ALSO TO TREASURY AND AID

GENEVA FOR GOUGH

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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, EAID, EFIN, AF
SUBJECT: ANTI-OPIUM CLAUSE FOR IBRD AGRICULTURAL PROJECT
LOAN FOR AFGHANISTAN

REF: A) STATE 124534 (NOTAL B) STATE 123399 (NOTAL)

1. ON MAY 31 EMBASSY AND USAID OFFICIALS DISCUSSED WITH
WHITE HOUSE NARCOTICS AIDE CHARLES O'KEEFE AN APPROPRIATE
STRATEGY FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ANTI-OPIUM CLAUSE IN THE
IDA LOAN COMPONENT OF THE PENDING AGRICULTURAL CREDIT
PROJECT FOR AFGHANISTAN (REFTEL A). IT WAS AGREED
THAT THE US GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT NEGOTIATE THIS MATTER
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FOR THE IBRD; THEREFORE, IDA SHOULD ITSELF TAKE THE
LEAD IN APPROACHING THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN ABOUT
THE NEED FOR AN ANTI-OPIUM CLAUSE IN THE LOAN AGREE-
MENT WHICH WAS TO HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE IBRD
EXECUTIVE BOARD ON MAY 31. ACCORDINGLY, THE EMBASSY
RECOMMENDS THAT THE US EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ARRANGE AN
IMMEDIATE IBRD/IDA INITIATIVE TO GAIN AFGHAN ACCEPTANCE

OF LANGUAGE SIMILAR TO THAT PROPOSED BY AID/W IN PARAGRAPH 7(A) OF REFTEL B. IF TIME ALLOWS, IT MIGHT ALSO BE HELPFUL IF HE COULD ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF OTHER LIKE-MINDED EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS.

2. IF IT CAN BE DONE WITHOUT TORPEDOING THE ENTIRE PROJECT, WHICH WE DO NOT RPT NOT WISH TO DO, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS LOAN BE DELAYED UNTIL A SATISFACTORY ANTI-OPIUM CLAUSE HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE AGREEMENT. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE IBRD/IDA'S INFORMING THE AFGHANS THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR LOAN IS BEING DELAYED FOR THIS REASON. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE AFGHANS COULD BE ASSURED THAT THEY ARE NOT BEING SINGLED OUT, BECAUSE SUCH CLAUSES WILL BECOME STANDARD IN FUTURE IBRD/IDA AGREEMENTS ON AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS WITH OTHER POPPY-PRODUCING COUNTRIES. IF THE IBRD/IDA CANNOT AT THIS TIME GIVE SUCH ASSURANCES, THE US EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHOULD TELL THE AFGHANS THAT IT WILL BE US POLICY TO SEEK SUCH CLAUSES IN THE FUTURE.

3. THE LOCAL WORLD BANK GROUP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE, DR. TAE-HEE YOON, IS PLANNING TO DEPART FROM KABUL AT 12:30 AM EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME JUNE 1 RPT JUNE 1 FOR CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE HE MIGHT HAVE TO PLAY IN AN IBRD/IDA APPROACH TO THE GOA, THE IBRD/IDA MAY WISH TO DELAY HIS DEPARTURE UNTIL THIS MATTER HAS BEEN RESOLVED. BECAUSE OF IN-CONFIDENTIAL

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ADEQUATE LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES, AND EIGHT AND ONE-HALF HOUR WASHINGTON-KABUL TIME DIFFERENCE, ANY MESSAGE TO YOON SHOULD BE SENT THROUGH OUR FACILITIES NIACT IMMEDIATE BY COB WASHINGTY MAY 31 TO REACH HIM BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.

4. WE ASSUME THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA IS ALSO BEING ASKED TO INCLUDE SIMILAR ANTI-OPIUM LANGUAGE IN CIDA'S PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR ITS COMPONENT OF THIS PROJECT.
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